

REMARKS

Claims 14-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 14 and 21 are amended.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because e.g. they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The undersigned appreciates the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the September 10 personal interview with Examiner Pokrzywa. The substance of the personal interview are incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 14, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Cooper (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,443); and rejects claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Cooper in view of Owens (U.S. Patent No. 6,023,700). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, as discussed in the September 10 personal interview, Cooper does not disclose or even suggest the internet facsimile device prints the image formed by the image forming means automatically without any instructions from a user, as recited in independent claim 14, and similarly recited in independent claim 21.

Instead, Cooper's printer 36 prints message data that is selected by user from a list displayed on a display 16 (see col. 7, lines 15-36). As such, Cooper does not disclose or even suggest the above noted features of the claimed invention.

Owens does not cure the above noted deficiencies of Cooper. Owens discloses that the incoming messages are examined to identify the individual message receivers. In fact, Owens makes no mention about priority or printing. Thus, Owens does not cure the above noted deficiencies of Cooper.

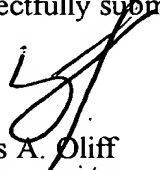
Accordingly, for reasons as discussed above and in the August 27, 2003 Request for Reconsideration, independent claims 14 and 21 define patentable subject matter. Claim 18 also defines patentable subject matter. Claims 15-16, 19 and 22 depend from the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 14-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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